

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A charging device for use in an image forming apparatus, comprising:

5 a discharging electrode to be supplied with a high voltage;

a stabilizer plate having an opening on a side to be opposed to a charge target member and accommodating said discharging electrode; and

10 a grid arranged in said opening of said stabilizer plate and to be supplied with a grid voltage, wherein

at least one of said discharging electrode, said stabilizer plate and said grid is made of an electrically conductive material containing 30 % or more of nickel by weight.

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2. The charging device according to claim 1, wherein said conductive material is an alloy containing nickel and iron.

20 3. The charging device according to claim 1, wherein said conductive material has a nickel content of 40 wt % or more.

4. The charging device according to claim 1, wherein

said conductive material has a Young's modulus of
110 KN/mm² or more.

5. The charging device according to claim 1, wherein
5 said grid and said stabilizer plate are to have same
potential, and the grid is made of the conductive
material containing 30 % or more of nickel by weight.

6. The charging device according to claim 2, wherein
10 said conductive material further includes chromium.

7. The charging device according to claim 4, wherein
 said conductive material has a Young's modulus from
110 KN/mm² to 240 KN/mm².

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8. A charging device for use in an image forming
apparatus, comprising:

 a discharging electrode to be supplied with a high
voltage;

20 a stabilizer plate having an opening on a side to be
opposed to a charge target member and accommodating said
discharging electrode; and

 a grid arranged in said opening of said stabilizer
plate and to be supplied with a grid voltage, wherein

at least one member of said discharging electrode,
said stabilizer plate and said grid is plated with nickel
or platinum at a rate from 30 % to 80 % by weight with
respect to whole weight of the plated member.

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9. The charging device according to claim 8, wherein
a base body of said plated member is made of an
alloy containing nickel and iron.

10 10. The charging device according to claim 8,
wherein

said grid and said stabilizer plate are to have same
potential, and a base body of the grid is plated with
nickel or platinum at a rate from 30 % to 80 % by weight
15 with respect to whole weight of the plated grid.

11. An image forming apparatus comprising an image
carrying member, a discharging device for charging said
image carrying member, an exposing device for exposing a
20 charged surface of the image carrying member to form an
electrostatic latent image, and a developing device for
developing said electrostatic latent image with developer,
wherein

said charging device includes:

a discharging electrode extending over a length corresponding to a size of the image carrying member and to be supplied with a high voltage,

a stabilizer plate having an opening on a side
5 opposed to the image carrying member and accommodating the discharging electrode, and

a grid arranged in said opening of said stabilizer plate and to be supplied with a grid voltage, and

at least one of said discharging electrode, said
10 stabilizer plate and said grid is made of an electrically conductive material containing 30 % or more of nickel by weight.

12. The image forming apparatus to claim 11, wherein
15 said conductive material is an alloy containing nickel and iron.

13. The image forming apparatus according to claim
11, wherein
20 said conductive material has a nickel content of 40 wt % or more.

14. The image forming apparatus according to claim
11, wherein

said conductive material has a Young's modulus of
110 KN/mm² or more.

15. The image forming apparatus according to claim
5 11, wherein

said grid and said stabilizer plate are to have same
potential, and a base body of the grid is made of a
conductive material containing 30 % or more of nickel by
weight.

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16. The image forming apparatus according to claim
12, wherein

said conductive material further includes chromium.

15 17. The image forming apparatus according to claim
14, wherein

said conductive material has a Young's modulus from
110 KN/mm² to 240 KN/mm².

20 18. An image forming apparatus comprising an image
carrying member, a discharging device for charging said
image carrying member, an exposing device for exposing a
charged surface of the image carrying member to form an
electrostatic latent image, and a developing device for

developing said electrostatic latent image with developer,
wherein

said charging device includes:

a discharging electrode extending over a length
5 corresponding to a size of the image carrying member and
to be supplied with a high voltage,

a stabilizer plate having an opening on a side
opposed to the image carrying member and accommodating
the discharging electrode, and

10 a grid arranged in said opening of said stabilizer
plate and to be supplied with a grid voltage, and

at least one member of said discharging electrode,
said stabilizer plate and said grid is plated with nickel
or platinum at a rate from 30 % to 80 % by weight with
15 respect to whole weight of the plated member.

19. The image forming apparatus according to claim
18, wherein

a base body of said plated member is made of an
20 alloy containing nickel and iron.

20. The image forming apparatus according to claim
18, wherein

said grid and said stabilizer plate are to have same
25 potential, and a base body of the grid is plated with

nickel or platinum at a rate from 30 % to 80 % by weight
with respect to whole weight of the plated grid..